

will show that the situation was a grave one.

Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 22, 1906.  
I read with interest in the "Times" news of the town in burning the so-called Foster coffin as a serious defiance of law. They probably meant only to complete their prank of two nights before, but if the offenders are caught they will be dealt with severely. The authorities did all they could to prevent any outbreak of lawlessness, and the neighborhood of the asylum was successfully patrolled until the lights were put out at midnight on the hospital grounds.

Every possible step will be taken to bring the offenders to justice. I regret the recurrence of lawlessness, but am glad that the last outbreak was so mild that the parties who supposedly were demonstrating against knew nothing of it.

E. W. WARBURTON,  
Mayor.

The dissenting report prepared by Colonel Turk and Mr. Bland was finished this afternoon. The board had adjourned and therefore no action was voted upon it. It will be voted with the other reports when the board meets again.

#### Dissenting Report.

The dissenting report follows.

To the General Hospital Board of Virginia:

Gentlemen.—As members of the above board present at Williamsburg on the 20th of November, where a meeting took place to consider the affairs of the Eastern State Hospital, a committee appointed for the purpose of "digesting" the evidence taken before a legislative committee made its report. From the report of your committee we beg leave with due respect to dissent.

Our reasons will appear in brief below, but we must take your report and "digest" it, in order to show the grounds on which we dissent.

You say in substance:

"We find from the evidence that the resolution of the special board of directors of September 1906, requiring night attendants upon the wards has not been carried into effect, and in consequence the patients of the hospital on the wards have to be locked in at night."

This would have required fifteen additional attendants. This could not be gotten at the wages, and the money was not forthcoming to pay them; this was explained fully to the committee which prepared the report by Colonel Lane, the commissioner.

"We also find that locking of patients has been resorted to as a punishment."

This occurred once, and only once, and that was when Dr. Foster first came to the hospital more than seven years ago.

"That patients have been burnt with caustic-bands as a matter of treatment and punishment."

This was done only as a treatment, admittedly not as a punishment.

"We also hear that straight-jackets have in the past been used in this institution from one day to two weeks, and that in one instance a patient was strapped in bed and an electric battery applied to the sides."

When anything of this kind was done it was done in an honest effort to cure or benefit the patient.

We find from the evidence that Rule 7 of rules and regulations for State hospitals does not correspond with, and that for the majority of the patients the food remains the same throughout the year, changing only on alternate days."

The superintendent has signed the requisition for the amount and kind of food every day, and the food has been changed, and if any bad food was ever served it was by accident and not design, and the cooking is as good and the meals served as warm as the contracted kitchen permit. The quantity of food corresponds exactly with the United States Army and Navy regulations.

"That the food in the main is of good quality, but that the quantity is not sufficient for the needs of the patients, especially for those who work, and the food is not properly prepared."

The steward made his requisition, which has always been ample, and this is approved by the board. The condition of the patients and their health as shown by the records would seem to deny such proposition, and the sick list and death rates are as low as in any other institution of its kind.

"We find the St. James Building, which is comparatively new, is in need of repairs due to bad construction."

This cannot be charged to the superintendent, Dr. Foster. He was on the Building Committee, but there was an architect, three other commissioners, and an experienced carpenter to look after its construction.

"That the building has been infested with bed bugs to a considerable extent, but that it now seems to be free of them."

The superintendent was laid up with a sprained ankle and could not make his rounds at the very time this occurred. The evidence shows that he had conducted himself at once on learning of them.

"The wards in this building are badly lighted."

It seems to be a well-lighted building, and the windows and electric lights were located by the architect.

"That a lunatic asylums is employed here at a salary of \$40 per month, and he looks after the grounds only."

This gardener was employed at the express direction of the special board on the motion of Mr. E. H. Clowes, and fully agreed to by the other members of the board. The grounds were surely in poor improvement.

"We find in the office of steward and stewardess are employed in violation of the rules and regulations, and that the clerk and ushering officer are one."

This was done by the special board, and not the superintendent.

"That the superintendent and assistant physicians pay only a nominal rent for the rooms occupied by them, which are ours in the hospital."

This is the fact of the special board, and a like condition prevails in other hospitals."

Assistant Physicians.

It is not a fact that there is a lack of men not indispensable among the members of the medical staff, that they are negligent in their duty.

This allegation is not supported by any evidence taken before the investigating

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committee in so far as we are able to.

That they failed to consult with the superintendent as often as they should."

They seem to have had three consultations per day, as testified to by the physicians themselves.

They display a lack of knowledge of the bathing of patients.

On the male side patients are bathed at the same hours, except some who are bathed oftener. Physicians were never expected to superintend this bathing, especially on the female side.

"They did not examine patients after death."

In cases of sudden death, an examination is declared to have been made always by the superintendent and an as-

spirit of the rule has been compiled with.

"Lack of uniformity of treatment by reason of failure to hold consultations."

Not supported by evidence. Superintendent claims to have examined the clinical records and often to have informed himself of the condition of patients, and this is shown by his familiarity and knowledge of every patient in the hospital.

"That he has failed to supply offices in the executive building for his assistants."

The superintendent has frequently called on his own body to go over the evidence, digest it and make a report. That committee consists of Messrs. Treadway, Osborne and Johnson.

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enough to eat, this would be criminal,

but it is not criminal, after providing sufficient food, for him not to know

whether it is in all cases fed into the patients' mouths, and such a charge is not sustained, unless inferentially, by any evidence found in the records. On the other hand, the reports of the assistant physician give him this information every morning.

You gentlemen have swept away the two reports of the investigating committee; you have appointed a committee of your own body to go over the evidence, digest it and make a report. That committee consists of Messrs. Treadway, Osborne and Johnson.

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the superintendent never met after his organization until Monday night last, the night before the meeting of this board, that one of the committee had taken a recitation of the evidence, another, another portion, and the third another portion, and that the whole committee never did read the whole evidence, and that the other gentlemen of the board have never had an opportunity to read the evidence at any time, the evidence having only been handed to them since we have met here. On that knowledge of the facts you have framed the foregoing indictment and ask us to sustain it. We must re-examine, despite our previous charges, because of such a charge as this, and when other hardships could be based upon a man who has enemies, and title too, in that regard, the fact that we have since elected Dr. Foster as superintendent and Dr. Southwell as assistant physician and that a report of their conduct was made in September, 1902, in the following words to the Governor of Virginia. By the special board of this hospital, consisting then of Judge G. T. Clappett, E. H. Clowes and H. C. Cole, Esq.,

To the Excellency A. J. Montague, Governor of Virginia:

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